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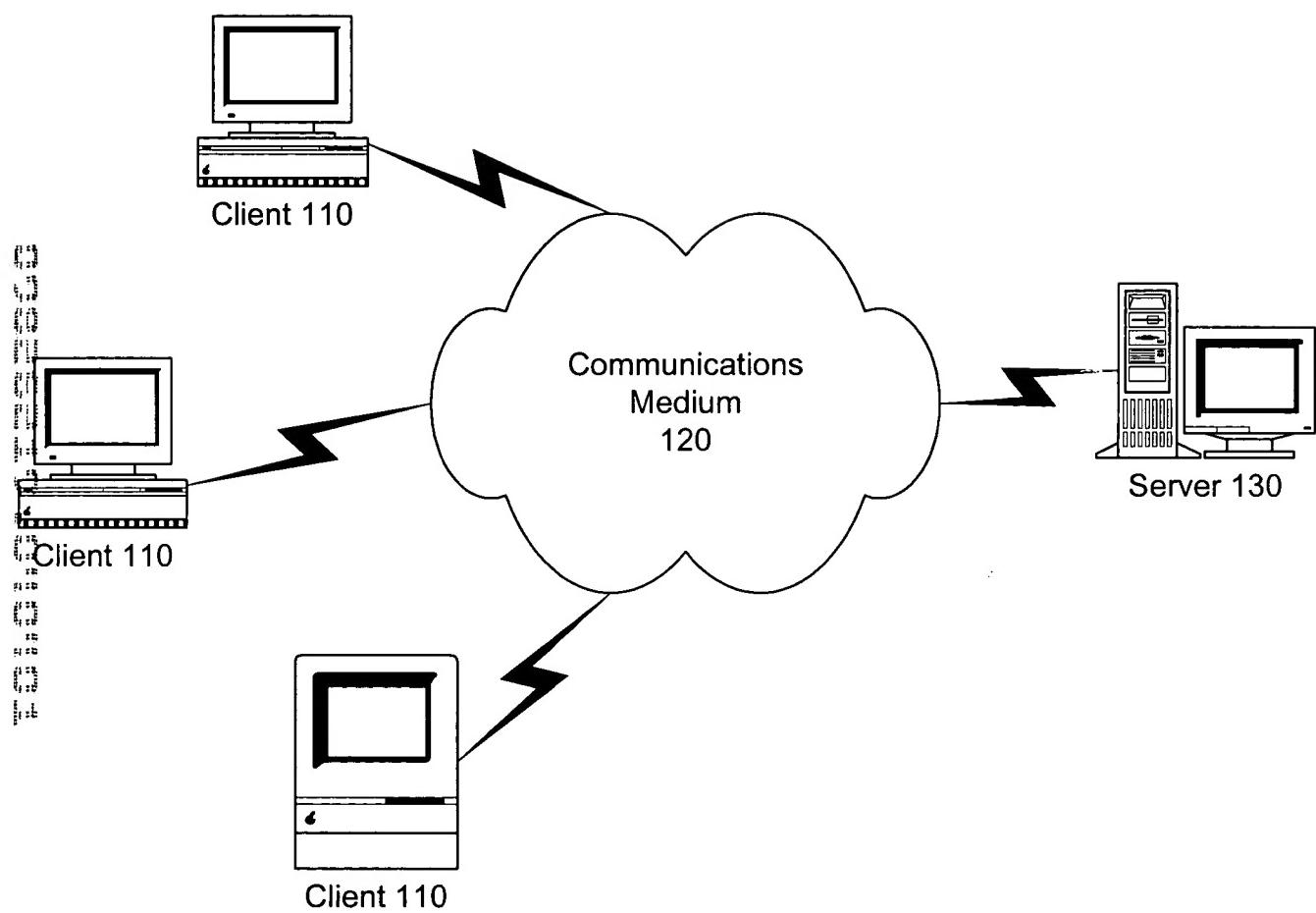


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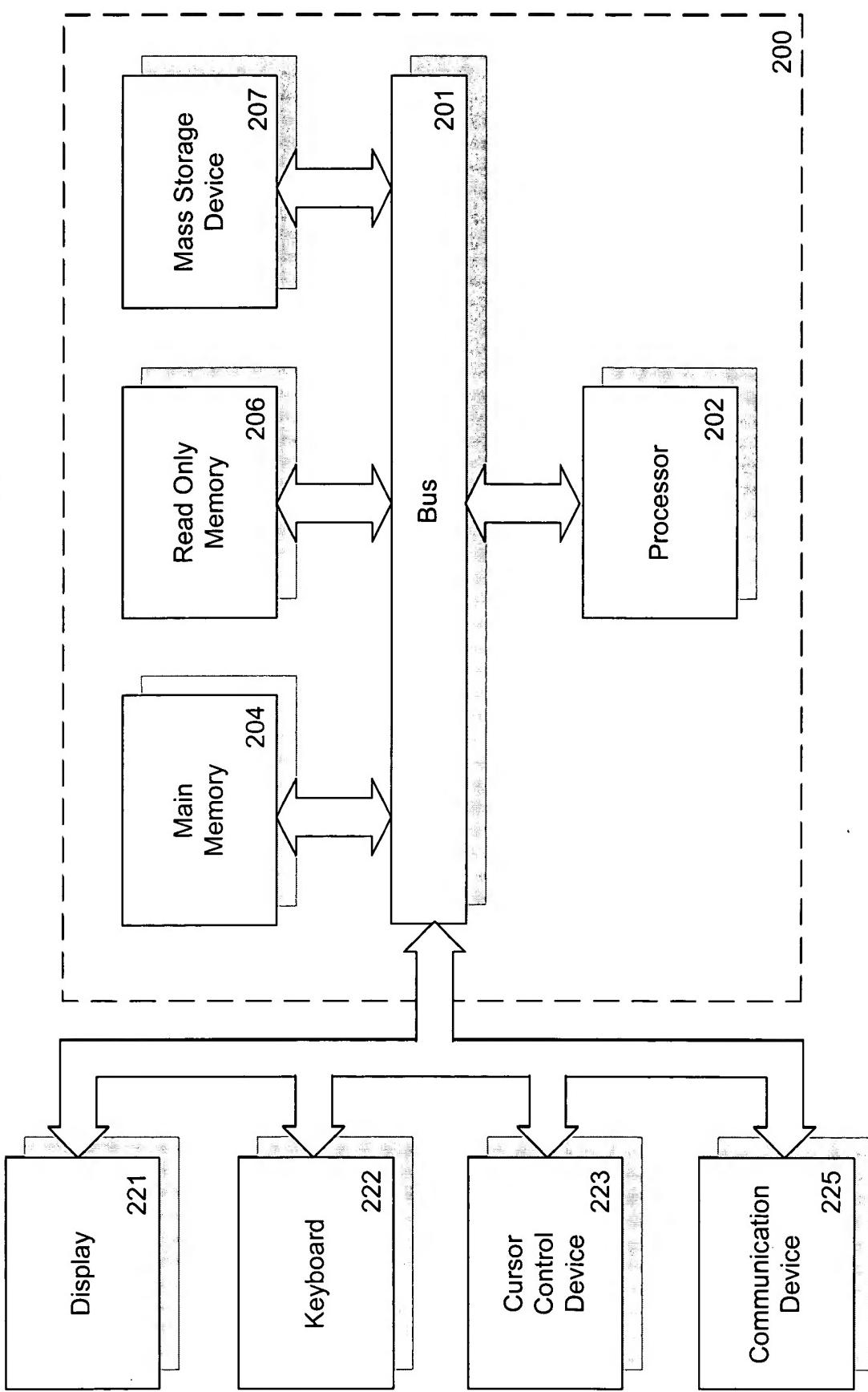


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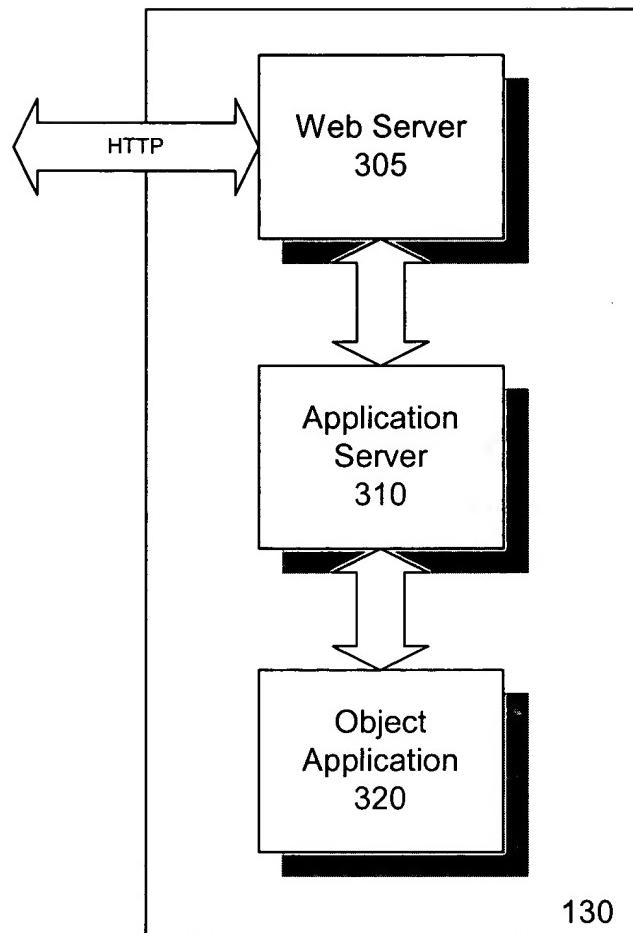


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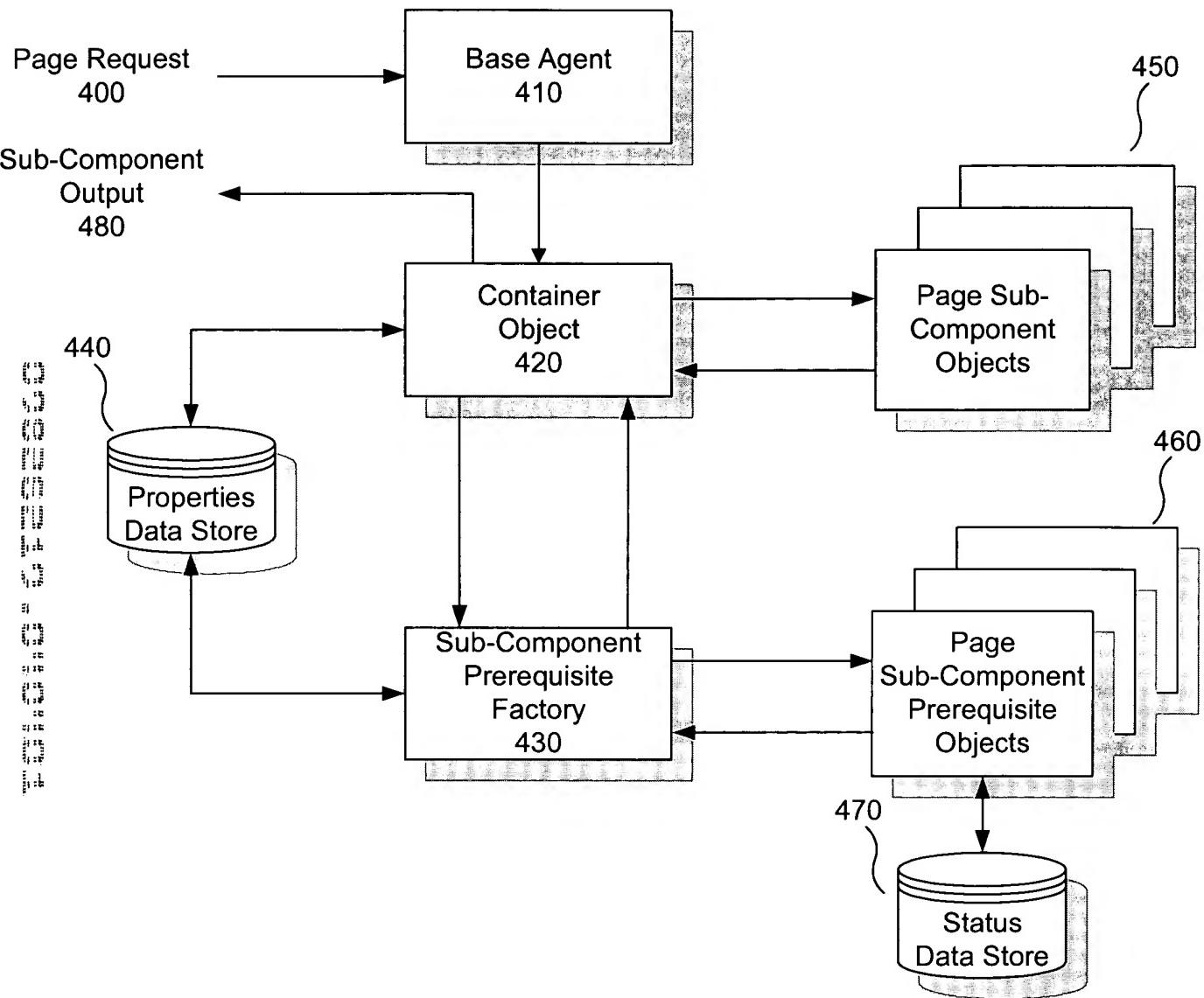


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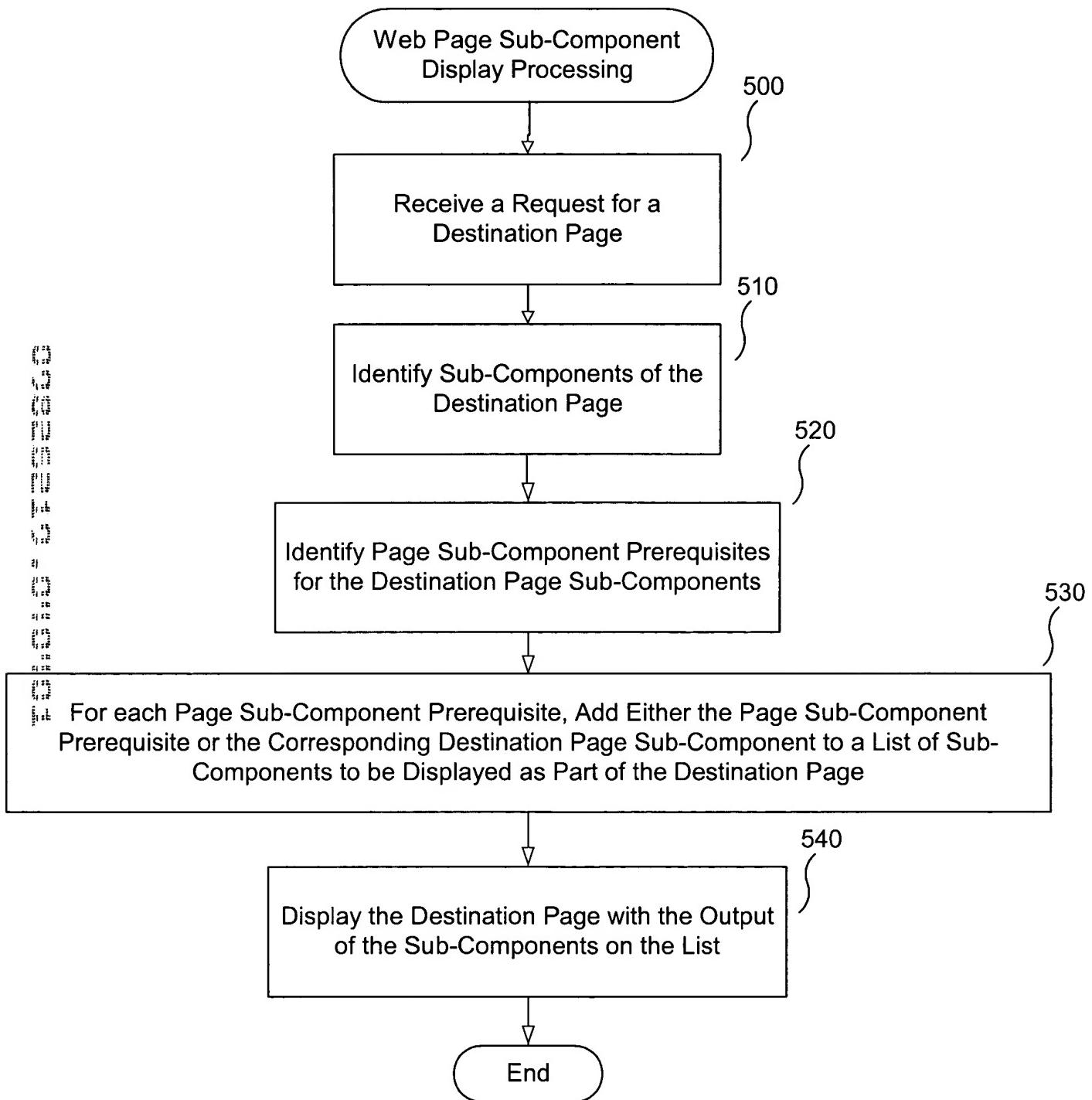


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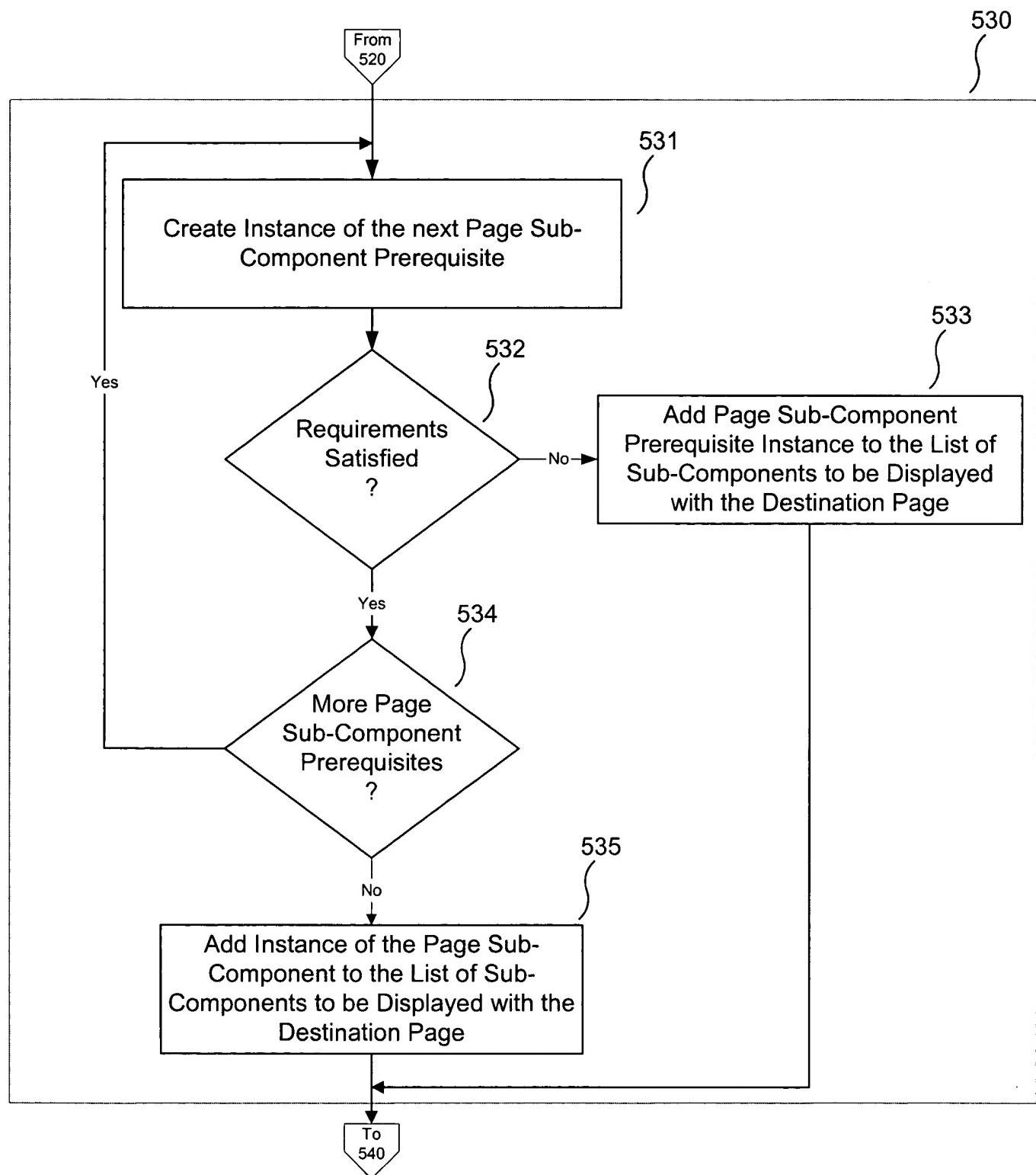


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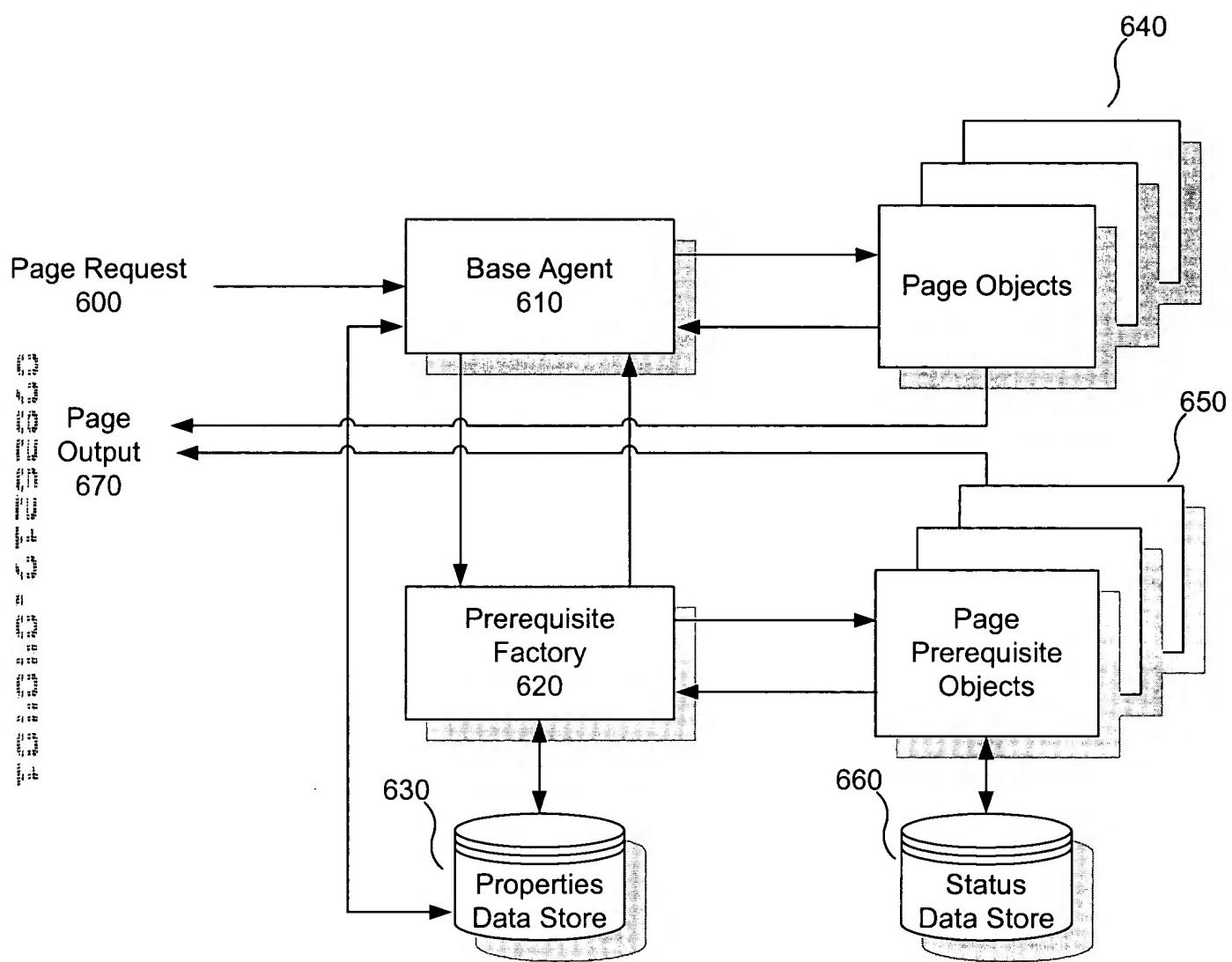


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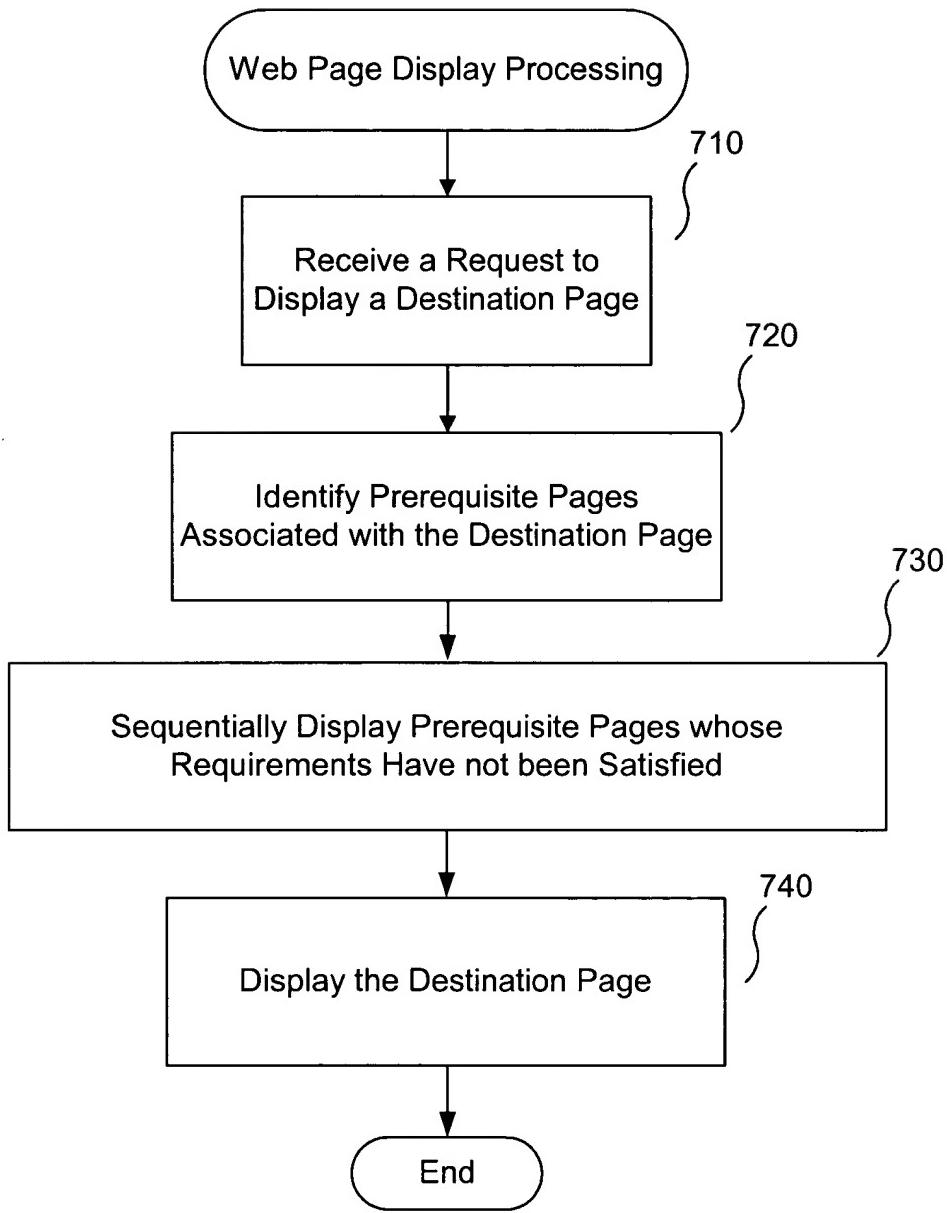


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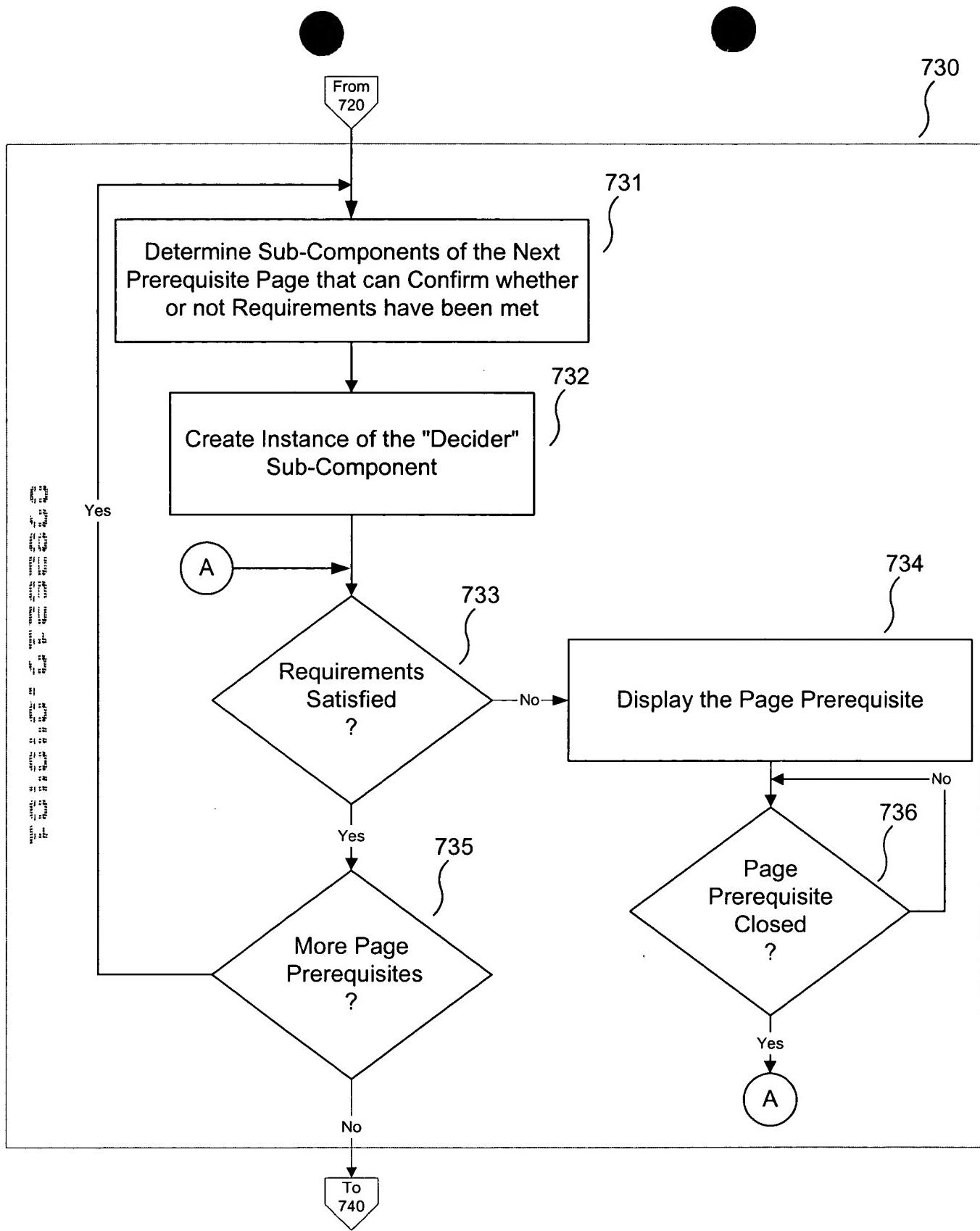


Figure 7B

<Attribute> = <Value> }
prompt1 = please enter your name } 820

Figure 8 (Prior Art)

<Object>.<Attribute> = <Value> } 910
Obj1.attr1 = val11 } 920
Obj1.attr2 = val12 } 930
Obj2.attr1 = val21 } 940
Obj2.attr3 = val23 } 950 } 960
Trading.prompt1 = please enter your name

Figure 9

<Object>.extends = <anotherObject>

Obj1.attr1 = val11 1020
Obj1.attr2 = val12 1030

Obj2.extends=Obj1 1040
Obj2.attr2 = val22 1050
Obj2.attr3 = val23 1060

Figure 10

<Context>.<Object>.<Attribute> = <Value>

Obj1.attr1 = val11 1120
Obj1.attr2 = val12 1130
Page1.Obj1.attr2 = val112 1140

Figure 11

<Context>.extends = <anotherContext>

Obj1.attr1 = val11 1220
Obj1.attr2 = val12 1230
Page1.Obj1.attr2 = val112 1240

Page2.extends = Page1 1250
Page2.Obj1.attr2 = val212 1260

Figure 12

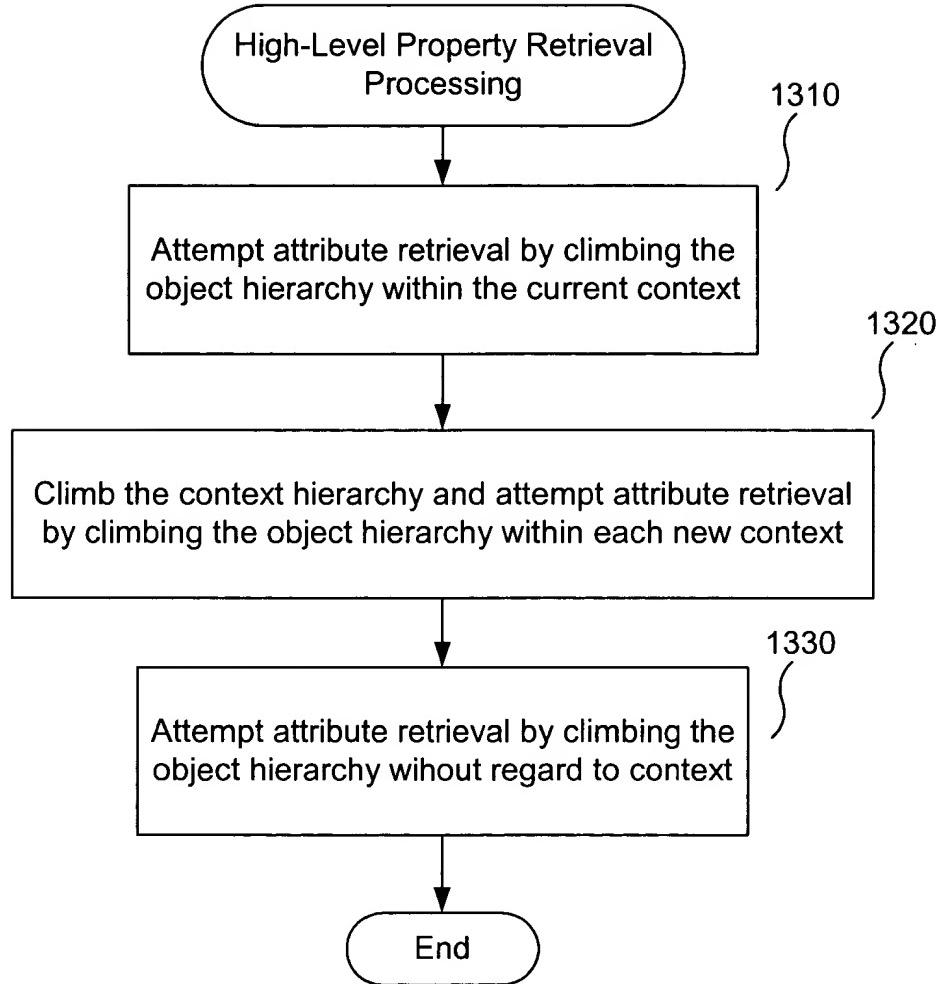


Figure 13

Page2.extends=Page1
Page3.extends=Page2

Obj2.extends=Obj1
Obj3.extends=Obj2

Figure 14A

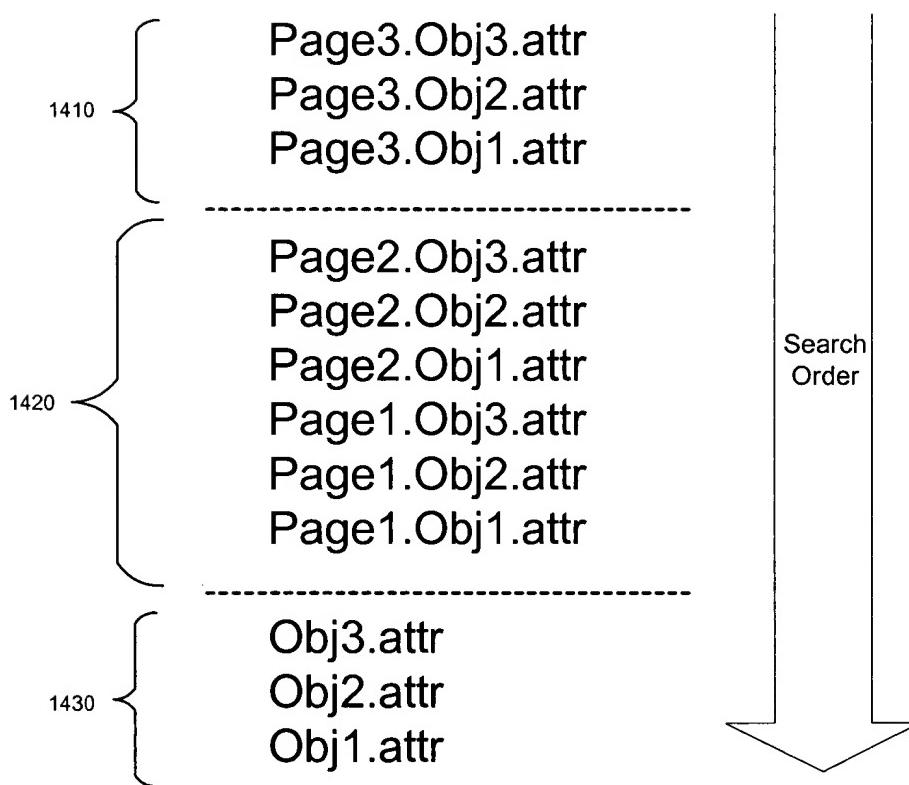


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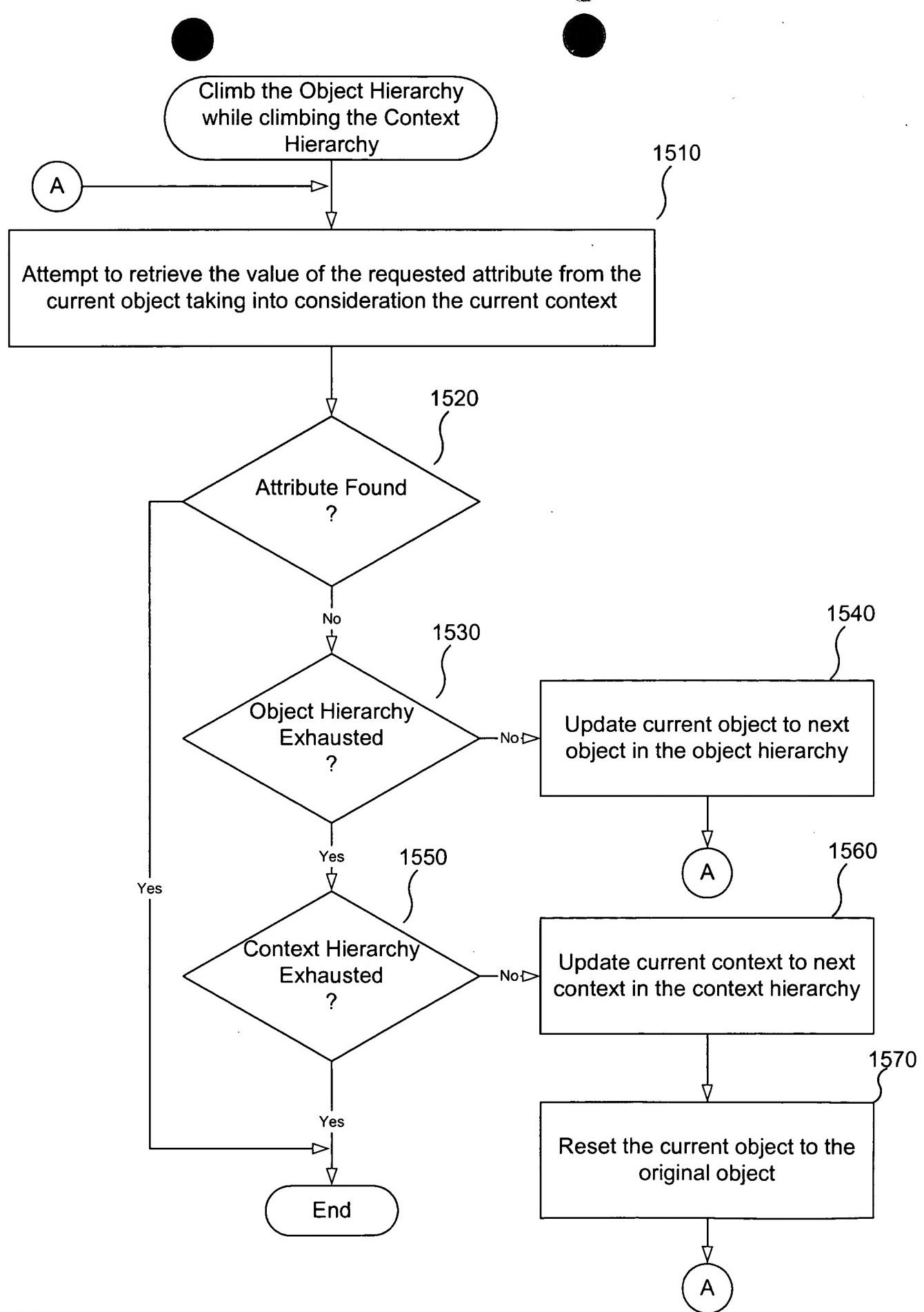


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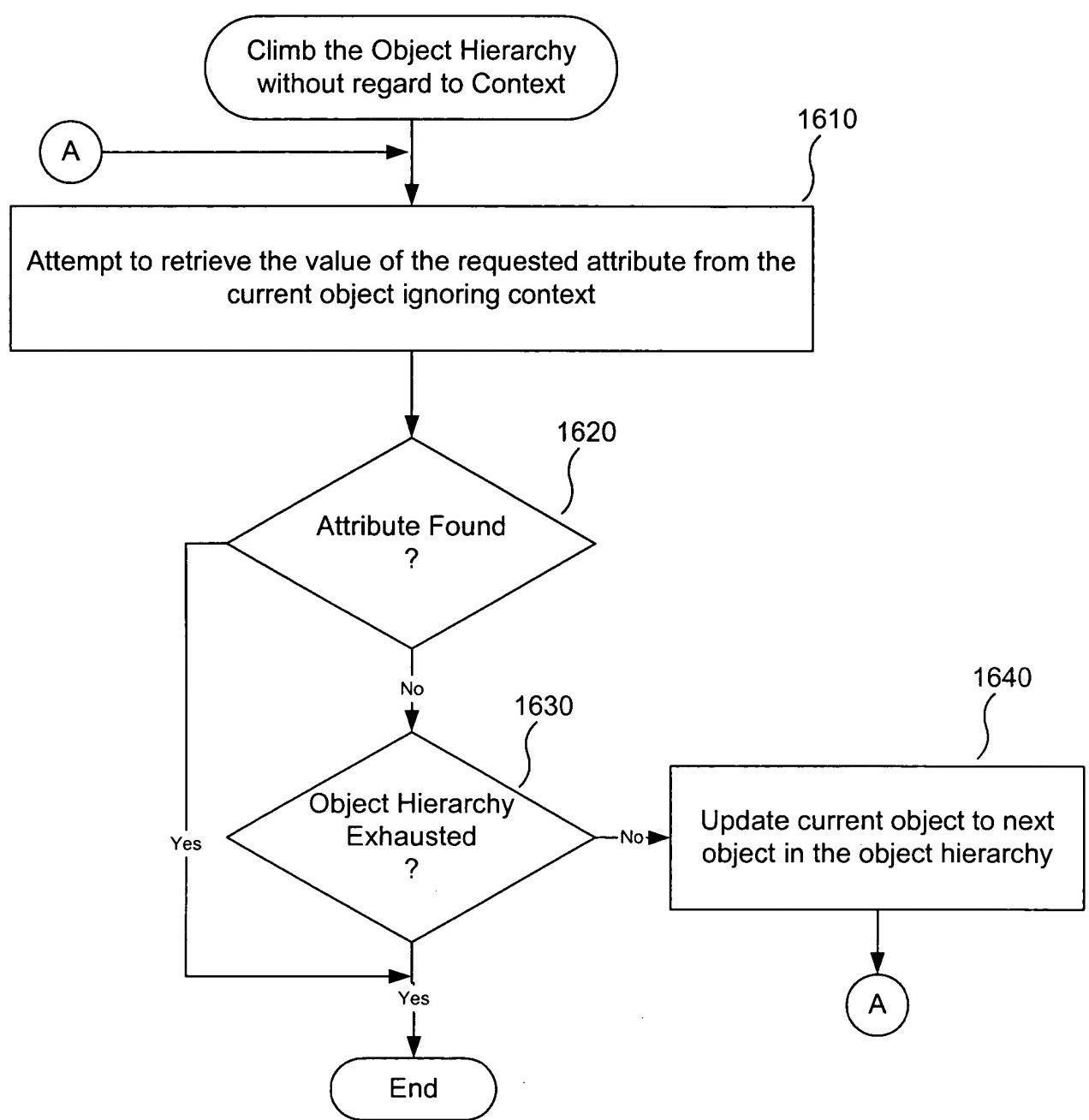


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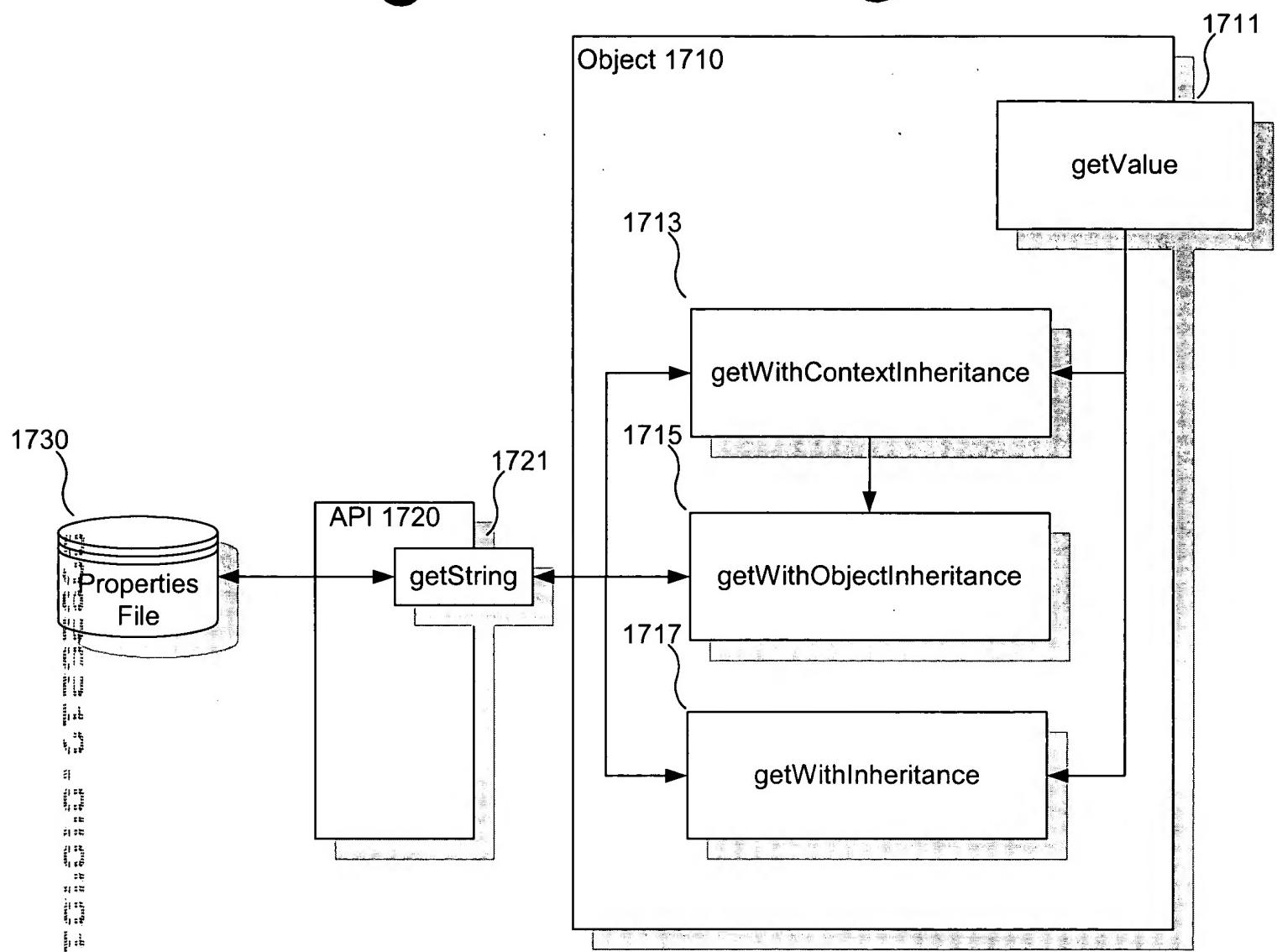


Figure 17

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1. String getValue( String attrib ) {
2.
3.     // get the container name of this object
4.     String context = getContextName();
5.
6.     // get the name of the class of this executing object
7.     String object = getClass().getName();
8.
9.     // check to see if within this context a value is defined for the
10.    // specified attribute for objects of the currently executing object's
11.    // type, or for any of its parent objects
12.
13.    String result = getWithContextInheritance( context, object, attrib );
14.
15.    if (result == null) { // if it's null it didn't find it.
16.
17.        // now try to find the value of the attribute of the object
18.        // by ignoring the context
19.
20.        // this will look for the attribute in all objects that are extended by
21.        // the current object
22.
23.        result = getWithInheritance( object, attrib );
24.
25.    } // end if
26.
27.    return result;
28.
29. } // end getValue
```

Figure 18

```
1. String getWithContextInheritance(
2.     String context, String object, String attrib) {
3.
4.     // check if the attrib is found in the current context by climbing up
5.     // the object hierarchy if necessary
6.     String result = getWithObjInheritance( context, object, attrib );
7.
8.     if (result == null) { //didn't find it in the current context
9.         // check if this context extends another context
10.        context = resourceBundle.getString( context + ".extends" );
11.
12.        //context now contains the name of the parent context, if any
13.        if (context != null) // found a parent context
14.            // this is a recursive call that looks for the attribute
15.            // and climbs up the context hierarchy
16.            result = getWithContextInheritance( context, object, attrib );
17.
18.    } //end if
19.
20.    return result;
21.
22. } // end getWithContextInheritance
```

Figure 19

```
1. String getWithObjInheritance( String context, String object, String attrib ) {
2.     // concatenate context, ".", the object, ".", and the attrib
3.     String lookFor = context + "." + object + "." + attrib;
4.
5.     // check if the combined attribute is found in the resource bundle
6.     String result = resourceBundle.getString( lookFor );
7.
8.     if (result == null) { // didn't find it in the current object
9.         // check if object extends another object, meaning
10.        // it has a parent.
11.        object = resourceBundle.getString( object + ".extends" );
12.
13.        //object now contains the name of the parent, if any
14.        if (object != null) // found a parent object
15.            // this is a recursive call that climbs up the
16.            // object's hierarchy while keeping the context unchanged.
17.            result = getWithObjInheritance( context, object, attrib );
18.
19.    } // end if
20.
21.    return result;
22.
23. } // end getWithObjInheritance
```

Figure 20

```
1. String getWithInheritance( String object, String attrib ) {
2.     // concatenate the object, ".", and the attrib
3.     String lookFor = object + "." + attrib;
4.
5.     // check if the combined attribute is found in the resource bundle
6.     String result = resourceBundle.getString( lookFor );
7.     if (result == null) { //didn't find it in the current object
8.         // check if object extends another object, meaning
9.         // it has a parent.
10.        object = resourceBundle.getString( object + ".extends" );
11.
12.        // object now contains the name of the parent, if any
13.        if (object != null) // found a parent object
14.            // this is a recursive call. Look for the attribute
15.            // in the parent or its parents
16.            result = getWithInheritance( object, attrib );
17.
18.    } // end if
19.
20.    return result;
21.
22. } // end getWithInheritance
```

Figure 21